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Starlit Paradise

Taylor Setzer

Last Saturday, April 14, AHS hosted their junior/senior prom. The theme this year was Starlit Paradise. The girls spent the day getting ready for the occasion. Many couples and groups of couples ate at various restaurants around Algona. Dylan Cink, along with his date and many other couples, rented a bus to take them to and from their meal at the Country Club. When asked about prom, Cink said, "The party-bus was really fun! I had an awesome time with all of my friends."

Social hour ran from 6:30 until 7:30 that evening.

From there all students made their way into the beautifully decorated gym for the Grand March. Everyone showed off their prom attire during their walk of Grand March. After, all parents and spectators were asked to leave quickly so that the dance could get underway. The dance ran from 9:30 until 12:00, with no weather interruptions.

Students had the opportunity to change from 12:00 to 12:45 for the After-Prom activities. After-Prom started off with a hypnotist in the gym. Students enjoyed watching fellow students get hypnotized. Some of the stu-

dents who were hypnotized include: Amanda Bernhard, Gavin Meyer, Parth Patel, Rachel Renger, and more. After the hypnotist, parents set up for all the other activities.

When entering After-Prom, students were given cards to get marked every time they participated in an After-Prom activity. As soon as each participant had five marks on their card, they could turn them in for the prize drawings. Some of the activities and games that students could play were: *Minute to Win It* games, sumo-wrestling, *Just Dance*,

money machine, ping-pong, photobooth, caricature drawings, and many more. After-Prom ended at 4:30 with drawings for prizes. Some prizes awarded were: gift certificates to area businesses, TV's, GPS systems, Playstation 3's, Kindle Fires, iPods, and many more.

The senior class would like to give a huge thank you to all of the junior class and the people who help put on an amazing prom.



Algona High School Cadaver trip

Megan Crosser

On Wednesday, April 18, the Anatomy and Physiology class traveled to Briar Cliff in Sioux City, Iowa, to view a cadaver. The students left the school at 7:00 a.m. and arrived back in Algona around 4:45 p.m.

A cadaver is a dead body. Many people donate their body to science to be used for college students going in to certain health fields. The professor who teaches these classes told the class the person's name and some personal information to emphasize that this dead body was a person and needs to be treated with respect.

The class split into

Algona Raceway!

Kuleen Parsons

Saturday, April 7, was the first night of racing for 2012! Algona Raceway had an amazing turnout as there were about 135 cars. The Hornets started off the night! Winning the first heat for the Junior Hornets was Joe Devries and winning the second heat was Alex Smith! The first feature win was taken by Jarid Kuchenreuther from Rockwell City who started eighth. Following him in second place was Joe Devries. Battling Joe Devries for second place was Alex Smith who ended up finishing third! In fourth place was Ross Hingson who completed the top four for your Junior Hornets! In the Pro Hornets class, winning the first heat was Megan Lappegard and winning the second heat was Nate Coopman. In the feature, Nate Coopman took the first win of the season! Follow-

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three groups and viewed the cadaver. Student got to feel and hold body parts, giving them a great review of the things they've learned throughout the year. While one group was viewing the cadaver, the other groups were either touring the campus or holding the millipede, cockroach, scorpion, and the famous tarantula, one of the favorite things to do while on the cadaver trip.

"I learned a lot, but it was gross," said Rachel Feuring. Most students really enjoyed the learning experience and had a good time.

ing behind Nate Coopman was Jason Shideler who took home second place. Megan Lappegard took home third and Jay Devries came in fourth.

Cruiser feature with the first win of the season was car number 951, Chris Myhre and Luke Haag! Coming in second place as Troy Krug and Peg Lewis in the 31 car. Third place was Colton Lampe and Tyler Stockwell in the 0. Completing the top four was Sean King and Maurice Hingson in the number 2 car.

In the three heats of the Hobby Stocks, your heat one winner was Kyle Sidles, heat two was Kyle Ricke, and heat three winner was Zac Smith! Your feature winner of the night was Devin Smith! In second place was Kyle Ricke and third was Cory Weishaar. Completing the top four for the Hobby

Andrew John

Micah Lavrenz

Andrew John Wagner, also known as AJ, was born in Mason City on July 30, 1994. He resides in Algona with his father, John, mother, Kris, and his little sister, Abby.

AJ is very active in school. He is involved in FFA, Outdoors Club, trap shooting, and football. His favorite class to attend is metals construction and ag tech.

When AJ is not at school, he is usually working at GLE Trucking or Redings Gravel and Excavating. AJ likes to hunt, trap, and ride 4 wheelers and snowmobiles in his free time.

Stocks was Chad Gents.

Sportmods heat race number one winner was Doug Smith, heat two was Tim Rupp, heat three was Tad Reutzel, and heat four was Jason Fisher! With so many cars they had a B-main and the top eight cars moved on to the feature. Winner of the feature was Tad Reutzel! Coming in second place was Doug Smith, third place was George Nordman, and last but not least completing the top four was Matt Hoeft.

Stock cars also had four heats and Bruce Wickman won heat number one. In heat two Nathan Wood came in first, Andy Altenburg won heat three, and Derek Green won heat race number four. Kevin Ophem won the B-feature for the Stock cars and top eight moved on into the feature. Twenty-four cars finished in the Stock car feature!

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After high school AJ plans to attend Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, Iowa, to major in Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance.

AJ Wagner said, "My idea of heaven is a mess of mallards, with no game warden in sight."

When you see him, make sure to tell him hi and wish him luck in his upcoming college years.



Your winner, Dustin Larson, fought to the end to take home the trophy!

There were twenty-five modifieds in the feature but Eric Dailey took home the money! Winning the first heat was none other than Mike Jergens. In the second heat Clayton Christensen won and in the third heat Kyle Lentz took first. Following Eric Dailey in the feature coming in second was Mike Jergens, third was Riley Emmel, and fourth was Austin Wolf! Riley Emmel, Kody Scholpp, Kyle Scholpp, and Tyson Turnbull all came from Canada to race at Algona! Look out for them during the rest of the racing season!

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Drunk driving kills

Rachel Feuring

On Tuesday, April 10th, the Algona High School Speech Department set the stage for an assembly for Algona High and Garrigan students. The AHS one act play, "Fatality" starred Mikayla Costa as Kate, who felt the pressure from her peers to have a few drinks at a party. The other stars in this play included Courtney Schmitt as the mother, Scott Haas as the father, Bethany Laddusaw as the sister, and Cameron Lanhdorf as the boyfriend. This powerful play showcased the recklessness of drinking and driving, taking the lives of four people. The play gave an inside look of what drinking and driving can do to others around; torn families, broken hearts, and never ending remorse.

Every fifteen minutes someone dies from a drunk driver. Random students and teachers at AHS and Garrigan were given black ribbons every 15 min-

utes throughout the day. Those people were then called on stage at the assembly to represent the people who die from drunk driving accidents in just one school day.

Speakers from the community came and informed students on how tragic these accidents can be. Speakers included Sheriff Steve Kollasch, police officer Barb Stence, sheriff deputy Buck Groanbach, and Rick Murphy, funeral home director.

The message was that young people don't need to give up their youth just to fit in. Megan Crosser says, "It was amazing, it taught students a very good lesson." Sam Curtis says, "It really helped." All in attendance, teachers and students, benefited from this and will now be more careful. The actions we do can change lives around us.



Above: Students in the One Act Play "Fatality" perform during the drinking & driving assembly on April 10th.

NCC Art Show

Zach McKenna

The Algona Art students traveled to Clear Lake for the 2012 Art show. The show was at the Clear Lake Art Center and hosted ten other schools. The students who traveled to Clear Lake from AHS were Shelbi Schadendorf, Nicole Kenne, Mikayla Costa, Taylor Setzer, Paige Yi, Miranda Altman, Amanda Bernhard, Joel Lanus, Katlyn Loesch, Weston Armstrong, Shelby Wagner, Danielle Eden, and Corinne Schipull.

There were three awards that could have been won, Best 2D, Best 3D and Best of Show. Also there was a judge's award given to

each school. Corinne Schipull won Best of Show and Katlyn Loesch won the judge's award. "The Algona art students had a great showing at the Conference show. The students had a lot of positive compliments from the judges and the teachers. I was very happy with all the students and the winners," said Mr. Yi.

The art students will have their next showing at the Algona library. The showing will start on May 4 and will last a week. Also they will be showing their projects during the next vocal concert.



Above: Art students who participated in the Conference Art Show pose for a picture.

Band trip!

Jackie Brunow

The Algona High School band is heading to Minneapolis on Saturday, April 28th. They get to do really exciting things there.

They have a two hour band clinic with Shelly Hanson, the composer of one of the songs the band is playing this year.

After that they get

about three hours at The Mall of America.

They also get to go to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater for dinner and a performance of *Hairspray*. They also have a chance to get a backstage tour of the theater and meet the cast members.

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POW light

Sawyer Brandt

Mr. Gerhardt's electronics class as well as his technical wiring class took part in some WWII restoration. The Algona P.O.W. Museum was given a light donated by Cary Lane.

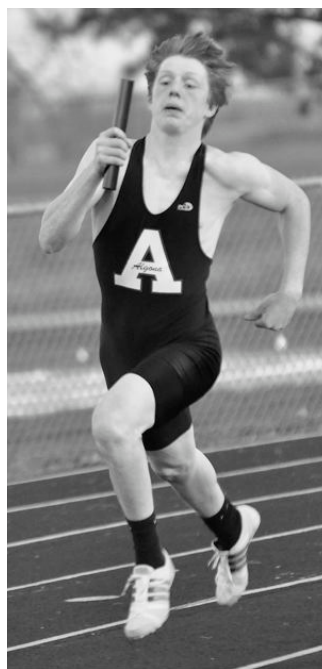
The light was one of many used at Algona's P.O.W. Camp during WWII. The camp was in operation from 1943-1946 and housed over 10,000 German prisoners during the war.

Mr. Connick asked

Mr. Gerhardt if his classes would like to take part in the restoration of this light. Mr. Gerhardt agreed and had two of his finest students work on the project. Nathan Simpson, a student in Mr. Gerhardt's electronics class, did most of the disassembling while Branden Garrett, in his technical wiring class, did the refurbishing.

The light is now on display at Algona's P.O.W. Museum.

Right: Mr. Connick, Branden Garrett, Nathan Simpson, & Mr. Gerhardt pose with the fixed light.



Left: Tyler Frideres competes at the Humboldt track meet.

Photos by Jim Gale



Right: Rachel Teague tries her best at the Hannover Relays.



Left: Students Anna Hollinger, Amy Kaiser, Austin Albert, Sebastian Meraz, and Jake Hutchison help Ryan Banwart celebrate his graduation.

Finishing off strong

Katie Riley

For people who don't know, Model UN stands for Model United Nations and it consists of high school and college students in a role-playing simulation of the actual United Nations. Model UN is an activity stu-

dents at AHS can participate in.

Ten students from AHS traveled to Cedar Falls to the University of Northern Iowa campus for a final conference this year. It was the 48th annual Iowa High

School Model UN Conference and was held on April 12th and 13th.

The ten students from AHS who participated in the event included Breanna Johnson, Alex Harms, Liz Burtis, Scott Haas, Jonathan Wichtendahl, Ray Chihak, Elijah Banwart, Mike Etler, Jack Ralls, and Austin Burton. The AHS students went on this trip with their advisor, Mrs. Hanson, who is

also a social studies teacher at AHS.

One outstanding event that happened was that Breanna Johnson, who was Head Delegate, got recognized for writing a great position paper which represented the views of Germany. Ray Chihak says, "I really enjoyed participating in Model UN but am also glad that the season is over."



How low can you go?

Janet Hofmann

The Algona High girls' golf team is off to a great start. Their first meet of the year was on Tuesday, April 10th, at their home course, River Road. Estherville was the opponent, and the Varsity Bulldogs came out on top.

On the Varsity squad, Algona won 208 - 240. Heather Ziesman shot a 47 and secured the first place win for the Bulldogs. Catherine Edgerton scored second with a score of 51.

Varsity squad member Rachel Hamilton said of the first meet, "It was a cold meet, but it's important to fight through the weather."

First meet of the season

Jessica Mueller

On Tuesday, April 10th, the boys' golf team travel to Estherville for their first meet of the season. The Varsity team lost with a score of 196 against Estherville Lincoln Central with a score of 165. Varsity golfers consisted of Chris Grether, Luke TerHark, Gavin Meyer, Jacob Foust, Matt Miller, and Peter Jorgenson. Chris Grether led the team with a score of 41 followed by Gavin Meyer with a 49.

The JV team won with a score of 193 against Estherville Lincoln Central with a score of 211. The JV golfers consist of Jon Wich-

The home meet scheduled for Friday, April 13th, against Eagle Grove, was postponed to a later date due to high winds.

The girls played a tri-team meet on Monday, April 16th, at home against Iowa Falls and Clear Lake. Clear Lake won, but the Bulldogs came in second place ahead of Iowa Falls. No Bulldog golfers could beat out the Lions for medals.

Results of the meet on Tuesday against Humboldt were not available at press time.

tendahl, Justin Raymond, Tyler Franzen, Collin Julius, Landon Sexton, and Hunter Urban. Collin Julius had a score of 45 followed closely by Jon Wichtendahl with a 46.

The boys' golf team traveled to Eagle Grove on Friday, April 13th, for a meet. On Tuesday, April 17th, the boys' golf team held a home meet against Humboldt and Hampton-Dumont. Friday, April 20th, the team travels to Bishop Garrigan for a meet. Mr. Ford says, "Chris is off to a good start and I'm hoping the team can improve each meet."

On a roll!

Dylan Cink

The boys' track team is on a winning streak, winning three out of their last three track meets! The guys went to Humboldt High School on Friday, April 6th, and came out with a victory. Some key stats that evening were Bo Hjelle with a 2:04 in the 800 meter dash, Joe Teague with a shot put throw of 44 feet 5 inches, and Sam Curtis with a 1:02 in the 400 meter hurdles.

The next victory for the guys was Tuesday, April 10th, at the Clear Lake High School track. There, the 4x100 meter relay team of Branden Garrett, Derek Person, PJ McMahon, and Michael Erpelding came out with the number one spot with a time of 44.89 seconds.

Also, the 4x200 relay team consisting of PJ McMahon, Branden Garrett, Derek Person, and Dylan Cink came out victorious with a time of 1:34.

The next meet was on Tuesday, April 17th, at Spirit Lake High School. The shuttle hurdle team of Sawyer Frideres, Weston Shaw, Luke Arrowood, and Sam Curtis finished with a time of 1:01 and placed second. In the discus, Cameron Lahndorf had a nice throw of 130 feet 7 inches and placed third. Sam Curtis said, "I loved running the 400 meter hurdles!"

The next meet for the guys is on Friday, April 20th, at Pocahontas High School. See you there!

Hannover results

Brandee Hockett

The Algona girls hosted the Hannover Relays on May 10th. The Algona girls got 1st place and highlighted their seniors. All the seniors did a great job! The seniors this year are Amanda Bernhard, Brandee Hockett, Jade Simpson, Tawny Schultz, Katlyn Loesch, and Jeni Zeller.

The 4 x 100 placed first with a team of Tiffany Long, Tawny Schultz, Brandee Hockett, and Chyan Metzger with the time of 53.4. The shuttle hurdle relay of Jacey Thompson, Reba Zeller, Ali Grein, and Bran-

dee Hockett placed first with a time of 1:11.3. Tangy Wiseman got a time of 11:05 in the 3000, placing 1st. The 4 x 8 team got the time of 10:20, placing 1st. Paige Yi ran a time of 1:02 in the 400 meter dash, getting her 1st place. Brandee Hockett placed 1st in the 100 hurdles with the time of 16.8. In the 1500 meter race, Tangy Wiseman got the time of 5:12, placing her 1st. Jacey Thompson, "It was fun running at the Hannover meet!"

The next meet is April 19th at Webster City.

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American Reunion

Jeremy Black

A sequel to the much loved movie *American Pie* has been made. Jim, Michelle, Stifler, and their friends from back in high-school come back to East Great Falls, Michigan, for their high school reunion.

Over a decade has gone by and the gang returns to their hometown for the weekend. They will see how their lives have gone as they get together for their high school reunion. How has life been for Michelle, Jim, Heather, Oz, Kevin, Vicky, Finch, Stifler, and

even Stifler's mom? Have they all grown and matured? Moved on from high school or stayed the same?

The entire original cast is back, including Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Chris Klein, Seann William, Eugene Levy, and many more!

American Reunion is a rated R movie. If you are too young, ask your parents to take you. This almost two hour movie will make you laugh. It is currently showing at 7:10 and 9:30 at Algona's State 5 Theatre.

Q'Viva! The chosen

Tashia Lemus

Marc Anthony, Jamie King, and Jennifer Lopez team up with the *American Idol* creators to produce *Q'Viva!* This show shows off the talent of Latin musicians and dancers who are loved from all over the world. There has never been a particular show or live experience that truly celebrates its true beauty, splendor, and passion.

This new television show will be filmed in three languages and broadcasted simultaneously across 20 countries in North America, Central America, and South America including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Panama,

Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the United States.

Jennifer Lopez expresses, "The Latin culture is a tapestry that is rich in passion, tradition, and artistry. We are going to places where all of this talent lives and wouldn't have otherwise been discovered."

This new show is all about giving opportunities to people who wouldn't ever be discovered and giving them a chance at showing the world their unique talents.

Q'Viva! is on FOX at 8/7c every Thursday.

Managing mismanagement

Vandy

Sometimes in life, it's best to not speak your mind. That is the case with the manager of the Florida Marlins, Ozzie Guillen. This week Ozzie spoke to the media and talked of his support of dictator Fidel Castro. The Marlins, the fans, and Florida in general have spoken of the distastefulness of the comment. Ozzie was informed by the team that he must make some apologetic one way or another.

Guillen, who left the

Chicago White Sox after one World Series win, just joined the Marlins this year and already is in the hot seat.

Guillen will speak to the media this week at Marlins' Park to apologize for the comments. The comment comes off the heels of the Marlins opening a park near Little Havana, a neighborhood in Miami, and most of the help came from a majority of the Cuban American population.

Senior countdown

AJ Wagner

This year has gone by fast. At the beginning it seemed like it would take forever for that day to come where we walk across the stage. It happens to be 30 days away from when we walk across that stage. It seems like just yesterday we were starting kindergarten.

The Algona Foundation scholarships were already due. Students are currently planning graduation parties and sending out invitations. Brandon Lee says, "I'm ready to get out of this place!"

The senior awards assembly is in the gym at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16th. Following the awards is graduation rehearsal at 9:30. On that same

day seniors will have semester tests 6 and 8 during regular class periods. The tests can go into the next class period, hence why there are no tests the very next period.

On Thursday, May 17th, seniors will take semester tests in periods 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 during those regular class times.

On Friday, May 18th, seniors will take semester tests in periods 2 and 4. After that they will have a required class meeting at 11:45 in the gym where they will be doing check out.

Graduation is on Sunday, May 20th, at 2:00.

While there is not much time left in the year for seniors, there still is a lot to do!